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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 28
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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Head Coach Tom Weathers and the Red Bank High School football team on winning the 2000 Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Class 5A state championship and the Blue Cross Bowl.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly is proud to specially recognize the accomplishments of outstanding athletic teams, those that work hard, display tremendous skill and demonstrate exceptional dedication and diligence; and

WHEREAS, despite falling snow and frigid temperatures, the determined Red Bank High School football team defeated Riverdale by an impressive 27-7 to win the first Blue Cross Bowl and the 2000 Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Class 5A state championship, their first state title; and

WHEREAS, the Lions were led by quarterback Fred Holder and Gerald Riggs, the Class 5A "Mr. Football" Back of the Year and the Blue Cross Bowl Offensive Most Valuable Player; and

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WHEREAS, they completed this storybook season with a rare, unblemished 15-0 record;
and

WHEREAS, during the regular season, Red Bank defeated Brentwood 34-7,
Cumberland County 48-0, Hixson 45-7, Bradley Central 35-14, Rhea County 49-26, Soddy
Daisy 47-7, Science Hill 54-13, Ooltewah 49-7, Cleveland 45-24 and McMinn County 34-13; and

WHEREAS, in the opening rounds of the state tournament the ferocious Lions beat
Oakland 21-14, Ooltewah 39-7, Bradley Central 45-14 and Kingsport Dobyys-Bennett 21-13;
and

WHEREAS, their awesome offense scored 593 total points, an average of 39.53 points
per game, while their very stingy defense allowed just 173 total points, an average of only 11.53
points per game; and

WHEREAS, the expert coaching staff included highly regarded Head Coach Tom
Weathers and excellent Assistant Coaches, Jeff Chastain, Andy Chastain, Bumper Reese, Jerry
Cotter, Tommy Turner, Bobby Milam, and Kevin Thomas; and

WHEREAS, the members of this outstanding team were: seniors, Fred Holder, Ryan
McGinnis, Jeremy Gooden, Jamichael McGoy, Lucas Oakes, Corey Nelson, Justin Smith, Cole
Goins, Fletcher Williams, Lebron Tucker, Tim Brown, Trey Bilbrey, Richard Phillips, Matt
Kestner, and Anthony Wallace; juniors, David Simoukdalay, Matt Manning, Jim Thurman, Tim
Rivers, Gerald Riggs, Taylor Stewart, Jake Martin, Jason Ledbetter, Brian Smith, Tyler Rich,
Michael Murphy, Barrett Chance, Ryan Williams, and Chris Beckett; and sophomores, Sean
Tynan, Kell Harvey, Clark Jackson, Jeremy Hill, Latrell Walker, Daniel Shadden, Shawn Mosby,
Stephen Stubblefield, Adam Shoelen, Steven Wilson, Matt Wildman, Ben Pierce, William
English, Jarrod Pendergraft, Josh Hamilton, and Josh Carter; each of whom contributed to the
team's success; and,

WHEREAS, Principal Wade Kelley and Athletic Director Gus Stone were very supportive
of the team; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we pause in our deliberations to specially recognize the numerous accomplishments of this great team; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we honor and congratulate Coach Tom Weathers and the Red Bank High School football team on winning the 2000 Blue Cross Bowl and the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Class 5A state championship and wish them well in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That appropriate copies of this resolution be prepared for presentation to the school and to each person named above, with this final clause omitted from such copies.